



Friday
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Weekly Views

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility passed its ACA Re-Accreditation with 100% on mandatory and 97.39 on non-mandatory standards

Vincennes University Nursing Students have been putting their skills to work at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, conducting required clinicals. Under the watchful eye of CMS Director of Nursing Kim Gray, 33 students have taken part in the educational program, with emphasis placed on treating mental health offenders.

Correctional Industrial Facility Superintendent Tom Hanlon presented a check for \$1,922.94 to Major Rick of the Salvation Army of Delaware County.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center held a two-day Pizza Sale where \$256.37 was raised for the upcoming Correctional Employees' Appreciation Week.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile came to Westville Correctional Facility. 50 staff volunteered and 43 pints were collected, exceeding the facility's goal by 43%.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility held a staff vs. students volleyball game. The staff were victorious winning both matches 25 - 22 and 25 - 21.

Thanks to the generosity of Wabash Valley staff the 2010 March of Dimes Wabash Team raised over \$1,700 with more on the way! Raffle proceeds from a custom PLUS Unit/March of Dimes quilt will also be added to the total.

Both Miami and Pendleton Correctional Facilities hosted Volunteer Appreciation Dinners honoring their volunteers for their service to the facilities. At Miami, 13 volunteers were honored and given lapel pins for their 10-year's of service. Each volunteer enjoyed a dinner, some small gifts from the facility and PEN Products, and were treated to words of appreciation from staff and offenders. At Pendleton, Lemuel Vega was recognized as Volunteer of the Year and volunteers Felicia Williams, Dirus Dustin, and Kenneth Beache were presented with Distinguished Service Awards.

Staff at Rockville Correctional Facility participated in a Coney Dog/Bake Sale organized by the Training Department. The enthusiastic response by staff earned \$345.20 for the Employee Appreciation Fund.

Logansport juvenile Correctional Facility held a graduation ceremony for 9 students who completed the CLIFF program. In addition to completing CLIFF, 6 of the 9 students also earned their GED while enrolled in the program.

For community service, four senior students from Camp Summit removed graffiti from equipment at a public playground located near Boston Middle School. The graffiti removal program at Camp Summit is a partnership with the City of La Porte Police Department which provides student labor removing and restoring property that has been vandalized.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility hosted another Christmas Behind Bars event for the offender population. This is the seventh time the program has come to the facility promoting a spiritual message and giving goody bags to over 1600 offenders.

Pendleton Juvenile held a graduation for 14 GED graduates. Family and staff participated in the ceremony. Three Students received their ServSafe Certificate. One student received his Certificate of Completion.

Staff at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in a "Taco-in-a Bag" luncheon. All proceeds went toward Correctional Employee Appreciation Week.

The Wabash Valley PLUS Unit donated \$100 to a Sullivan County American Red Cross fund raiser hosted by Mark Gilbert of Angel's Market.

Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a ceremony to recognize the facility's most recent graduates of the Inside Out Dads Program.

This weekend, Branchville Correctional Facility will host their 8th Kairos Event. Over 50 volunteers are donating their time to make this event possible. The facility hopes to reach approximately 50 offenders and also establish possible mentors and long term volunteers.

The Joyce Meyer Ministries sent hygiene gift bags to the over 2,100 offenders housed at Wabash Valley. Facility staff helped deliver the supplies followed by evening services.

Recent graduates of the Purdue "Master Gardener Program" held at Chain O'Lakes worked to restore the landscape in front of the Albion County Court House and Probation Department.